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Marlene H. Dortch  
Office of the Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 – 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

**RE: ETC Certification to the FCC for 2015 Federal Universal Service  
Support, Study Areas 482235 and 483308**

Dear Ms. Dortch:

Pursuant to the Federal Communications Commission's (FCC) Fourteenth Report and Order, *In the Matter of the Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service*, CC Docket No. 96-45, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative hereby certifies to the FCC and USAC that Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is an eligible telecommunications carrier with study areas in the State of Montana and Idaho, and is eligible to receive universal service support in the year 2015. In support of this request, the following information is provided:

**1. ETC Identification:**

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.  
1221 North Russell  
Missoula, MT 59808

The Montana Public Service Commission sent a letter to all Montana ETCs, Rural and Non-Rural on May 18, 2014, in which it supplied filing instructions for the annual certification process. Per those instructions Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative certified with the Montana Public Service Commission for the exchanges located in the State of Montana. That certification was filed in N2014.4.45 on June 27, 2014. The Montana Public Service Commission will supply its certification of all Montana's Rural and Non-Rural ETCs to the FCC and USAC on or before December 16, 2013.

At the direction of the Idaho Commission, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative hereby submits certification to the Commission for its single exchange located in Idaho.

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**2. Contact Information:**

Any communications or questions regarding this request should be directed to:

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**3. Study Area Information:**

Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a listing of all local exchanges, by exchange prefix, switch name/location, and County, comprising Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's incumbent local exchange ETC service area. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative's "study areas" are comprised of all its incumbent local exchange properties listed on Exhibit A. The study areas have been assigned the study area codes of 482235 and 483308.

**4. Rural Designation:**

Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is a rural telephone company as defined in **47 U.S.C. §153**. Additionally, Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative is an incumbent local exchange carrier as defined in **47 U.S.C. §251(h)**.

**5. Use of Funds:**

As provided in the affidavit of Theodore Otis, CFO, for Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, which affidavit is being provided in conjunction with this request for certification, 2015 universal service funds will be used for and only for the purposes for which universal service support is intended, including the provision, maintenance, and upgrading of facilities and services provided by Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative to its members.

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Please feel free to contact me should you have any questions or comments on this request.

Sincerely,

  
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Jason Williams  
Vice President, General Counsel

BEFORE THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF THE STATE OF MONTANA

IN THE MATTER OF THE 2014	)	
Annual Certification of Montana Eligible	)	REGULATORY DIVISION
Telecommunications Carriers to the	)	
Federal Communications Commission for	)	Docket No. N2014.4.45
2014 High Cost and Low-Income Support	)	

AFFIDAVIT OF THEODORE OTIS

I, Theodore Otis, being duly sworn upon oath, depose and state as follows:

1. I am CFO of Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. I have personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.
2. Per CFR 47 §54.314(a), Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. used all federal high-cost support in 2014, and will use 2015 support, only for the provision, maintenance and upgrading of facilities and services for which the support is intended (see CFR 47 §54.7 and §54.101).
3. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. has complied with all applicable reporting requirements per CFR 47 §54.313 and §54.422.
4. Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc. does provide federal Lifeline and Tribal Linkup services to low income customers per the provisions of CFR 47 §54-Subpart E – Universal Service Support for Low-Income Consumers.

Dated this 20<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2014.



Theodore Otis  
CFO  
Blackfoot Telephone Cooperative, Inc.

Signed and sworn to before me on June 20, 2014 by Stephanie Burke

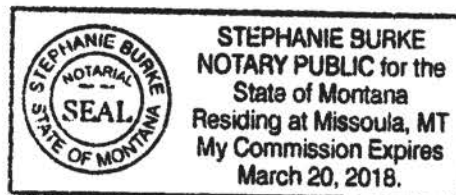






Exhibit A

Study Area 482235

Exchange Prefix	Switch Name	County
244	Potomac	Missoula
246	Dixon	Sanders
349	Alta	Ravalli
492	Avon	Powell
644	Charlo	Lake
677	Seeley Lake	Missoula
726	Arlee	Lake
745	St. Ignatius	Lake
754	Condon	Missoula
793	Ovando	Powell
825	Clinton	Missoula
864	Alberton South	Missoula
942	Powell*	Clearwater, Idaho

Study Area 483308

Exchange Prefix	Switch Name	County
288	Drummond	Granite
649	St. Regis	Mineral
678	Haugan	Mineral
722	Alberton	Missoula
822	Superior	Mineral
826	Plains	Sanders
827	Thompson Falls	Sanders
847	Noxon	Sanders
859	Philipsburg	Granite